

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants would like to thank the examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. By the present amendment, claims 2-9 remain in the application while claims 2 and 3 have been amended and put in independent form. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, the present amendment complies with 37 CFR 1.116(b)(1), and thus, applicants respectfully request the amendment be entered.

In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No.: NGB-41035.

Respectfully submitted,  
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